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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Exploration of a South Carolina Competitive Procurement Program for the Competitive Procurement of Energy and Capacity from Solar and Other Renewable Energy Facilities by an Electrical Utility as Allowed by South Carolina Code Section 58-41-20(E)(2) (See Directive Issued on November 25, 2019)
Docket No. 2019-365-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On May 19, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") filed a letter on behalf of DEC/DEP; Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association ("CCEBA"); Southern Current, LLC ("Southern Current"); and Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC ("Cypress Creek") (CCEBA, Southern Current, and Cypress Creek are collectively referred to as the "Solar Intervenors") to provide the Commission an update on discussions regarding procedural next steps in the above-referenced docket. In that letter, DEC/DEP and the Solar Intervenors stated their intent to update the Commission specific to DEC/DEP no later than July 16, 2021.

DEC/DEP and the Solar Intervenors have conferred and believe that future procedural steps in this docket should be considered after the Commission issues an order on DEC/DEP's modified integrated resource plans ("IRP"), which DEC/DEP will file on August 27, 2021, pursuant to Order No. 2021-447, issued on June 28, 2021 in Docket Nos. 2019-224-E and 2019-225-E. DEC/DEP and the Solar Intervenors will confer further at such time and update the Commission on procedural next steps in this proceeding within 30 days of the Commission's issuance of a final order approving the DEC/DEP IRPs.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Shirley Smith". The script is cursive and fluid.

Heather Shirley Smith

C: Parties of Record (via email)